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REMARKS

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1. Between 1 and 19 December 1953, the Heeresnachrichten Schule, Koenigsbrueck, was occupied by about 700 troops of tank unit. Four to 8 T-34 tanks almost daily went to the training area. 25X1

2. During the period under review, Neues Lager was occupied by a detail of about 80 to 100 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and motor transport insignia. The unit furnished guard personnel for the installation and drivers for the about 25 trucks and 3 tank trucks. About 300 x 200-liter fuel drums were stored in the yard. Piles of boxes, presumably ammunition boxes, were seen through the windows of two one-story brick buildings and a former stable. Two wooden one-story buildings outside the installation quartered the camp administration. 2

3. [redacted] about 3,000 troops were stationed in Neues Lager. [redacted] about 2,000 to 2,300 troops belonged to an AAA unit and the others to a tank unit. In addition to these troops, a signal course and a driving school course were held in the camp, with students being exchanged every 6 months. [redacted] the following officers with their rank and position: 25X1
- Major General (Arty) Govaronink (phonetical spelling) (fnu), division commander, stationed in Dresden;
- Colonel (Arty) Kershakov (phonetical spelling) (fnu), chief of the administration;
- Lieutenant Colonel (Arty) Botenko (phonetical spelling) (fnu), staff officer with the division headquarters, Neues Lager;
- Lieutenant Colonel (Arty) Ivanov and Shatenin (phonetical spelling) (both fnu), staff officers with the division headquarters;
- Major Popov (phonetical spelling) (fnu), administrative officer;
- Major Uvorovski (fnu), supply officer; and
- Major (Tank) Kortof (phonetical spelling), staff officer with the division headquarters;

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5. On 17 December, the Nachrichten Schule was occupied to capacity by about 1,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with tank insignia; and about 100 officers also with tank insignia. About 95 percent of the windows of the installation were lighted after nightfall. Ranking officer was a colonel. [redacted] two units of the same service color were stationed in the installation, with one unit being smaller than the other. A semi-underground shelter with two antenna masts had been built outside the installation, immediately on the southern wall. At 2 p.m. on 17 December, 4 T-34/85 tanks carrying each 1 officer and a total of 13 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets entered the installation. Reports of tank guns were heard from the training area on the Pulsnitz River prior to 2 p.m. Four T-34/85 tanks [redacted] subsequently drove under the lean-to roof located there. A BA-64 armored scout car was seen under the lean-to roof.¹
6. Between 17 December 1953 and 2 January 1954, the Nachrichten Schule was occupied by about 600 to 700 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including at least 30 percent with tank insignia. Equipment with heavy weapons included at least 30 T-34 tanks. On 17, 19 and 20 December, 2 to 3 T-34 tanks practiced driving in the Aus. Tank crews were repeatedly relieved during a day. In the morning on 22 and 23 December, about 10 to 15 T-34 tanks left the installation toward Neues Lager.

1. Comment. [redacted] the 44th Gds Tank Regt of the 11th Gds Tank Div in the Nachrichten Schule [redacted] The small unit of the same service color mentioned in paragraph 4 vaguely indicates the unidentified tank training battalion. No indications for the 270th Gds Mort Regt have been received since October 1953.
2. Comment. Altes Lager is apparently occupied by small supply units, in addition to the fuel depot stationed there.
3. Comment. The occupation of Neues Lager remains undetermined.
- [redacted] The officer names are reported for the first time.

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